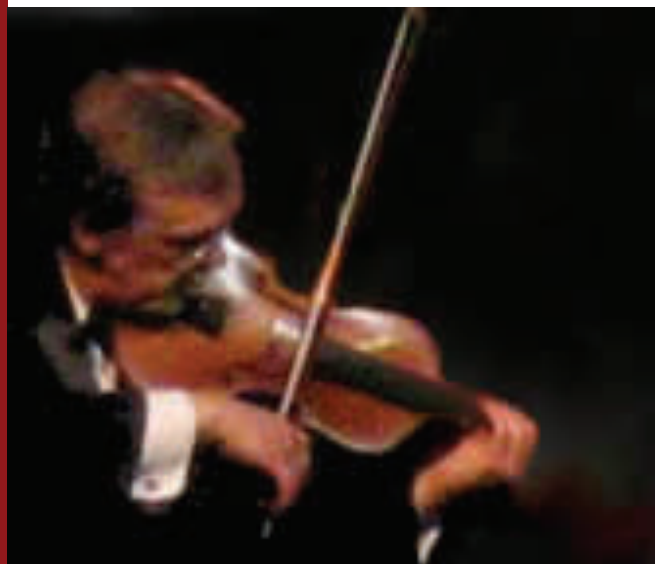
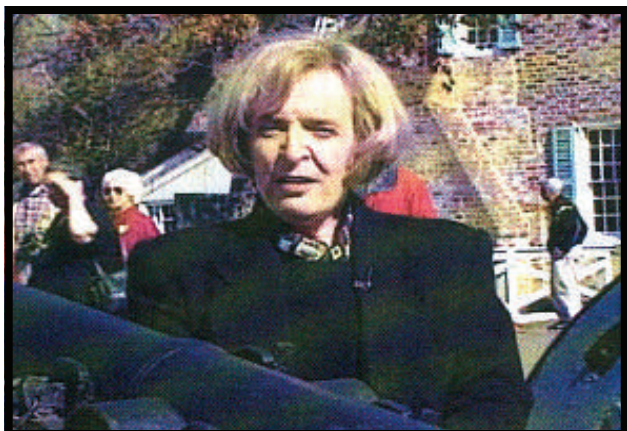




# Showcase of the Arts



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## **A Message From Sheila L. Myers, Chair The York County Arts Commission**

### ***Prelude***

*The York County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of cultural arts in our community by funding a grant program that provides direct assistance to arts organizations and individual artists whose work benefits County citizens.*

*This publication presents an overview of the arts programs that are available to the diverse York County community. Since its inception over a decade ago, the York County Arts Commission has not only seen an increase in the number of arts opportunities available to our citizens, but has also seen an increase in the audiences for the arts as well. This increasing demand for the arts is truly an indication of the importance the arts have in serving the public in York County, our neighboring communities, statewide and nationally.*

*We encourage you to support the arts by attending a musical or theatrical performance, visiting a museum, or enrolling in an art or music class because it will enrich your life and foster an appreciation of the excellence and diversity of our community's artistic accomplishments.*

***Sheila L. Myers, Chairman  
York County Arts Commission***

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# *The Arc of Greater Williamsburg*



**The Arc of Greater Williamsburg** is an organization that seeks to provide hands on art experiences through art instruction and art making to adults and teenagers with mental retardation.

It is the hope of the organization to provide four separate sessions in both York County and Williamsburg. The experiences will provide an opportunity for personal expression and for participants to make projects to take home. There is an anticipated attendance of 30-50 participants per session.

Through these sessions, **The Arc of Greater Williamsburg** seeks to:

- Provide art experiences for adults and teenagers with mental retardation
- Provide people with mental retardation opportunities for artistic expression
- Promote creativity and a sense of achievement in people with mental retardation
- Provide much needed respite for caregivers
- Show others that it is abilities, not disabilities, that count

**The Arc of Greater Williamsburg** received a total of \$90,095 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,600.



# *Art Song of Williamsburg*



**Art Song of Williamsburg** is a musical arts organization dedicated to the presentation of the vocal arts which, in the 2005-2006 season is entitled “ The Wide World of Song - A Sixth Season of Inspired Poetry and Music.” Founded in June 2000 by Dr. Genevieve McGiffert, **Art Song of Williamsburg** presents these performances each season at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre. A pre-concert talk provides deeper insight and prepares the listener for the music and poetry of the program. The working title for the 2006-2007 season is “Europe Inspires--America Creates”.

The mission of this nonprofit organization is to further the art of solo song by presenting the great vocal literature of the Western world to local and regional audiences and to encourage young professional singers, with ties to Virginia, by presenting them in public performances. For further information please call (757) 229-7101 or visit the **Art Song of Williamsburg** web site at [www.artsongofwilliamsburg.org](http://www.artsongofwilliamsburg.org) for concert times and ticket ordering information.

**Art Song of Williamsburg** affords York County residents an opportunity to experience professional quality music at a close-to-home location.

**Art Song of Williamsburg** received a total of \$12,525 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,000.

# *Celebrate Yorktown Committee*



The purpose of the **Celebrate Yorktown Committee** is to organize, conduct, and promote events and celebrations in Historic Yorktown. This volunteer group of citizens and Yorktown business owners has done exceptional work to sponsor cultural arts activities in Historic Yorktown and had over 6,000 people attend their events in 2005.

The activities offered by the **Celebrate Yorktown Committee** that were submitted for consideration for funding from the York County Arts Commission include:

- A free outdoor concert by the Virginia Symphony at the Yorktown Victory Monument that is held in early September
- Four free indoor/outdoor concerts that will be held in Historic Yorktown throughout the year
- Period entertainment for various homes and buildings in support of the eventful affair

These cultural arts activities benefit York County citizens by increasing visitation to and spending in Historic Yorktown and the County.

The **Celebrate Yorktown Committee** received a total of \$25,786 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends \$4,050 of County grant funding and \$300 of State arts funds.**

# *Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble*



The **Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble's** main objective is to conduct and promote four performances highlighting classical music, popular music and marches. Their goal is to entertain the public and raise money for a scholarship awarded yearly to a high school senior who has played in the band.

Approximately sixty members make up the **Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble**.

For more information on **Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble**, visit the group's website at [www.cbwe.org](http://www.cbwe.org).

**Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble** received a total of \$1,500 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$200.

# *City of Williamsburg Parks and Recreation*



Funding is requested by the **City of Williamsburg Parks and Recreation** to assist with costs to sponsor the “Summer Breeze” concert series that are held in July at Merchants Square in downtown Williamsburg. These free outdoor concerts have become widely popular in the community, as evidenced by an estimated 5,200 people attending the 2005 July concert series.

The dates of the 2006 “Summer Breeze” concert series are July 12-26.

York County residents enjoy having an opportunity to attend free concerts in a safe and pleasant setting. Residents and tourists have the opportunity to listen to music ranging from Sinatra style to disco, bluegrass and Jimmy Buffett style. A local favorite is used each year, which generally draws a larger crowd.

The **City of Williamsburg Parks and Recreation** received a total of \$10,500 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$700.**



# *Coventry Elementary School PTA*



The **Coventry Elementary School PTA** is requesting funding to support a spring 2007 performance by the Hampstead Players. The Hampstead Players will perform “Greek Mythology” at an annual evening event called “Art After Dark”. The performance will be held in the Coventry Elementary School PTA Auditorium.

The goals of the **Coventry Elementary School PTA** are as follows:

- Provide opportunities for school-aged children, their families and the community to listen to live classical music presented in an educationally sound way
- Provide opportunities for young children to develop an appreciation of musical and theatre arts
- Provide a venue for local musicians and artists to perform for an appreciative community audience

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$250.**

# *Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads*



Programs and services provided by the **Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads** support a broad spectrum of the cultural arts industry including: organizations, artists, performers, institutions and communities in the Greater Hampton Roads area. Their efforts include advocating private and public financial investment in the arts and cultural organizations, encouraging community participation in and awareness of cultural activities, and providing assistance that will strengthen and in some cases, stabilize cultural institutions in order to enhance the economic impact of the cultural arts industry.

Although the programs and services of the **Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads** are numerous, the York County Arts Commission is particularly supportive of their Cultural Arts Calendar publication, which lists cultural events throughout the Greater Hampton Roads region. This publication not only provides York County citizens with arts information on a regional scope, but also provides regional coverage for cultural events that are held in York County as well.

The **Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads** received a total of \$18,500 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, The York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$500.**

# *Eastern Virginia Brass*



**Eastern Virginia Brass** has always held as part of its mission the goal to bring the best of the brass chamber music repertoire to a diverse audience. With over 25 years of experience, the organization has performed in schools throughout Virginia and North Carolina. The manner of presentation is one in which the **Eastern Virginia Brass** speaks the program notes and makes great efforts to bond with the audience.

Funding requested by **Eastern Virginia Brass** would be used to commission and perform a festive new work in commemoration of Jamestown 2007. A collaboration between a regional composer and award winning poet, Robert Arthur, and the **Eastern Virginia Brass**, this work will celebrate the history of the area. Through music and story, this work will be a history lesson on an intellectual and subjective level. The DeWitt Wallace Gallery, hosting this project and concert on its *Music in the Museum* concert series, will share in this project.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$300.**

# *Ferguson Center for the Arts*



The mission of the **Ferguson Center for the Arts** is to enhance and enrich the cultural development and awareness of Christopher Newport University and its constituents in the region by offering cost-effective, diversified and superior cultural experiences, delivered with the highest level of service.

Funding requested by the **Ferguson Center for the Arts** would be used in support of the center's 2006-2007 season: *Rhythm of Life*. The 2006-2007 theme embraces a variety of artists-from bluegrass to ballet-offering a cornucopia of attractions from around the globe, sharing the finest in the world with the community.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$300.**



# *The Fifes and Drums of York Town*



For over 27 years, **The Fifes and Drums of York Town** has represented Yorktown and York County at local, regional and national events, performing for thousands of people. In 2005, the corps dramatically increased the number of performances at public and private events. The quality of their music is excellent and as a result, they are entrusted to perform events at locations such as the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and for State events sponsored by the Governor of Virginia.

Their grant request is for funding:

- Six new snare drums and 12 or more new regimental uniforms
- Numerous events related to the 225th Anniversary of the Surrender of Yorktown
- General uniform maintenance

**The Fifes and Drums of York Town** received a total of \$152,360 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the **York County Arts Commission** recommends **\$5,700 of County grant funding** and **\$2,500 of State arts funds**.

# *First Night of Williamsburg, Inc.*



**First Night of Williamsburg, Inc.,** is a popular, family-oriented nonalcoholic New Year's celebration of the performing arts that features 60 different performers or groups offering a range of entertainment choices for every age and interest. The celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. and culminates with a fireworks display at midnight. Admission to all events is gained through the purchase of a First Night button, sold at a family-friendly price, from early December until the day of the event. A program provides guidance to the performer's schedules and locations as well as sites for food and comfort amenities. Performances are held at indoor venues, most within easy walking distance of Merchants Square in historic Williamsburg; bus service is provided for those needing assistance.

December 31, 2006, will be the 14th Annual Celebration, once again supported by local businesses, churches, service organizations, W-JC Schools, and individuals since its beginning in 1993. The volunteer board of directors is most grateful for the generosity of its sustaining sponsors, including The College of William and Mary, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, City of Williamsburg, James City County, Williamsburg Regional Library, Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, York County, and York County Arts Commission. This is a community event for the whole community!

**First Night of Williamsburg, Inc.,** received a total of \$9,750 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$850.**

# *Flute Frenzy Association*



The **Flute Frenzy Association**, a flute choir, provides an opportunity for flute students to participate in a chamber music ensemble unlike typical school band or orchestra experience. Participants in the flute choir focus on intonation, learn how individual musical parts enhance each other, experience different types of music and play the instruments in the flute family. The group exposes local residents to a wealth of wonderful music written specifically for flute ensembles.

The **Flute Frenzy Association** received a total of \$2,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$300.**

# *Institute for Dance, Inc.*



Residents of the Greater Williamsburg area have enjoyed the annual holiday performances of the famous ballet “The Nutcracker,” that have been produced by the Chamber Ballet Company of the **Institute for Dance, Inc.**, for over 28 years. One of the main objectives in producing this ballet is to expose and educate local area school children to one of the classics of all time in the world of dance by providing discounted tickets to performances of “The Nutcracker”.

Held at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall at the College of William and Mary, performances of “The Nutcracker” were attended by at least 2,000 people in 2005. In addition, many local residents participate in the ballet itself, either by dancing or performing with the orchestra.

**Institute for Dance, Inc.**, received \$6,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$400.**



# *Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation*



One of the major attractions to the Historic Triangle are our two State-owned and operated facilities, the Yorktown Victory Center and the Jamestown Settlement. Funding requested by the **Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation** is for support of special events planned at the Yorktown Victory Center. These events include programs and themes such as: “Tools of the Trade,” “Food and Feasts of Colonial Virginia,” “A Colonial Christmas,” “Seed to Stalk,” “The Road to Independence,” and “Yorktown Victory Celebration”. These programs serve the community and boost tourism.

Studies conducted by the **Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation** staff indicate that residents of our local area particularly enjoy special event offerings because they enhance the interpretation of the history presented by the museum’s on-going exhibits and bring to life particular events that first shaped our country.

In 2005, total visitation at the Yorktown Victory Center reached 180,021. Education opportunities offered at the Yorktown Victory Center are important resources for York county and are offered to York County schools at a fraction of the costs. During the 2004-2005 academic year, 4,801 students benefited from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation’s on-site and outreach education programs. In addition, all York County residents receive free admission to both the Yorktown Victory Center and the Jamestown Settlement.

The **Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation** received \$104,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, The York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$5,000.**

# *Peninsula Community Theatre*



The **Peninsula Community Theatre** is requesting funding to support their Theatre Mainstage and Children's Theatre season. The season for Theatre Mainstage consists of plays, two musicals and a drama. Fifteen shows are planned for the Children's Theatre season. Altogether, there will be 51 performances.

The main objective of The **Peninsula Community Theatre** is to:

- Offer to all Peninsula residents the opportunity to see quality theatre at a reasonable affordable price
- Provide opportunities to youth and adults alike to learn and use acting, directing, technical, theatre production and management skills in an abundantly creative environment
- Introduce and offer the children of the Peninsula the opportunity to experience quality theatre early on so that they may cultivate an appreciation of the arts that will last a lifetime
- Insure the over-all high quality of production values. The Board recognizes that good sound administration of resources, physical and financial, guarantee **Peninsula Community Theatre's** future

More information on the organization's activities can be obtained by visiting Peninsula Community Theatre's website at [www.penninsulacommunitytheatre.org](http://www.penninsulacommunitytheatre.org).

The **Peninsula Community Theatre** received a total \$18,000 in contributions and grants sources in FY 2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,000 and \$100 of State arts funds.

# *Peninsula Youth Orchestra*



The goal of the **Peninsula Youth Orchestra** is to provide a venue for the community's young musicians to hone their musical skills and talents to the highest level, which can be attained through their local school bands and orchestras.

The Orchestra seeks out the most qualified and enthusiastic band directors that can guide and instruct young musicians to play grade 5 and 6 level classical music from around the world. To provide a safe and enjoyable learning environment, four student musicians realize their true potential, and to showcase their artistic accomplishments by performing a variety of concerts throughout the Peninsula so as to foster the appreciation for multicultural classical music within the community at large.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$400.**

# *Playwrights Premiere Theatre*



**Playwrights Premiere Theatre's** primary mission is to enrich local communities, enhance economic prosperity, educate youth and bring national recognition to Virginia's arts through the creation and presentation of new theatrical works.

Funding requested by **Playwrights Premiere Theatre** would be used to produce the world-premiere theatrical production of "Full Moon Over Montmartre." This production offers Virginia artists the opportunity to engage creatively with artists from other areas of the U.S. as part of an initiative to broaden artistic perspectives and foster creative growth. Because the project will result in a collaborative creation between artists of diverse backgrounds, training and artistic environments, **Playwrights Premiere Theatre** believes it represents a wonderful opportunity for learning, sharing and artistic growth.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$300.**



# *Poquoson Island Players*



Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of operations, the **Poquoson Island Players** community theatre annually presents a four-show season of theatrical works held at Poquoson Middle School with particular focus on audiences and production participants in the York, Poquoson, and Langley areas.

The goals of the **Poquoson Island Players** are to provide diversified theatrical productions for the general public at minimal cost and to offer opportunities for interested individuals to participate in all aspects of on-stage and behind the scenes work in a community setting.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$700.**

# *Publick Times Chorus of Sweet Adelines International*



The **Publick Times Chorus of Sweet Adelines International (Sweet Adelines)** is a women's musical organization committed to advancing the original American art form of singing barbershop style harmony. The two primary goals of the **Sweet Adelines** are to develop an appreciation for barbershop music in the community through their numerous performances and to improve the musicianship of the members themselves through the instruction received during weekly rehearsal sessions.

Their annual performance schedule includes monthly performances at retirement and nursing homes, various summer concert series and festivals held in the Hampton Roads area, benefits functions, and their annual show. Regional special events where they perform regularly include "An Occasion for The Arts" and the Grand Illumination. Performances by the **Sweet Adelines** are enjoyed by over 12,000 people each year.

The **Sweet Adelines** received a total of \$4,200 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,800.**

# *Riverwalk Landing Business Association*



The **Riverwalk Landing Business Association** is comprised of tenants and/or retailers of Riverwalk Landing in historic Yorktown.

The organization is operated under the following objective:

- To promote, market, maintain, and improve the activities and businesses of the Riverwalk Landing development located in York County, Virginia.

Funding requested by the **Riverwalk Landing Business Association** would be used to support live musical entertainment throughout the Riverwalk Landing Village.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$2,500.**

# *Senior Center of York*



The **Senior Center of York** offers programs (seven to eight times a year) to the senior adult population of York County depicting the culture, drama, dance and customs of countries around the world. Food is provided at these programs, sometimes prepared according to recipes native to the country being featured. Our Cultural Day attendance ranges between 30 to 45 seniors. The **Senior Center of York** is operated jointly by York County, the Peninsula Agency on Aging (PAA), and the Senior Center of York Board of Directors.

The Seaford Woman's Club will provide a matching grant of \$200 for this program, which also has the support of the Peninsula Agency on Aging and the Board of Directors of the **Senior Center of York**.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$200.**



# *StageLights*



Williamsburg-based **StageLights** is a series of theatre arts workshops held in the summer that are open to young people 6 to 13 years of age. Participants are taught the techniques of acting, voice, dance, and stagecraft, while hopefully gaining an appreciation for the many facets of theatre art form. At the conclusion of the summer workshop, participants offer 5 public performances that will demonstrate the skills they learned. These performances are usually held at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Merchants Square (as part of the Summer Breeze program) and Matthew Whaley Elementary School. Over 1,100 people attended these performances in 2005.

Approximately 60 students, most of whom are from York County, James City County and the City of Williamsburg, participate in the workshops offered by **StageLights**. Full or partial tuition scholarships are given to those children who qualify for financial assistance.

**StageLights** received a total of \$5,075 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,000.**

# *Theatre IV*



For over 30 years, **Theatre IV** has performed in schools throughout Virginia. **Theatre IV** is a Richmond-based organization that uses theatre to teach important lessons to children about history, safety, science and moral values. They are recognized as one of America's leading arts-in-education theatre group. Their grant request is to provide York County school children with 21 in-school performances during the 2006-2007 school year.

**Theatre IV** received \$4,200 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$2,600.

# *This Century Gallery of Williamsburg*



**This Century Gallery of Williamsburg** (formerly named The Twentieth Century Gallery) is an art gallery located in the City of Williamsburg that not only sponsors art exhibits but also provides opportunities for the community to participate in educational programs, art classes and workshops in the fine arts. Over 5,000 people in 2005 from the Williamsburg area participated in various art programs such as their School Art Challenge for middle and high school students or were part of a guided tour of the gallery or special demonstration program.

Of special note are the benefits derived from a partnership **This Century Gallery of Williamsburg** has with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. This relationship brings adult and student workshops, exhibits and special programs to the area that otherwise would not be available. These programs are very much appreciated by the art-loving community of the Greater Williamsburg area.

York County residents received direct benefits from the programs that are offered for York County school students. In addition, County residents of all ages visit the gallery to view exhibits and participate in other programs/activities sponsored by their professional staff. For information on events, visit the gallery's web site at [www.thiscenturyartgallery.org](http://www.thiscenturyartgallery.org).

Grant money from the York County Arts Commission will be used to fund the presentation of regularly scheduled visiting artist exhibits and outreach programs such as art classes and workshops in the York County Public Schools.

**This Century Gallery of Williamsburg** received a total of \$16,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, The York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,500.

# *Thomas Nelson Community College*



Funding requested by **Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC)** would support a speaker series as part of the TNCC Performing Arts Series at the Dr. Mary T. Christian Auditorium on the campus of Thomas Nelson Community College. Specifically, the funding is requested for fees and associated travel expenses related to the series.

The goal is to join with Jamestown 2007 in celebrating the history of the area by presenting four prominent historical speakers/lectures. The aim is to offer the speaker series either free or low-cost to the community, with speakers that carry an expertise in the local area beginning with the settling of Jamestown in 1607. Lectures will be followed by questions and discussion by the audience. The speaker series is in addition to regular programming of musical events.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$200.**



# Virginia Opera



Over its 30-year history, the **Virginia Opera** has evolved into a major regional company recognized internationally for its innovative staging of both traditional and contemporary operas. The **Virginia Opera** is committed to introducing young people to opera with the goal of sparking a lifelong appreciation and involvement in the art form. This is accomplished by sponsoring an outreach program that is available, affordable and accessible to the broadest spectrum of people in the surrounding communities.

Funding requested by the **Virginia Opera** is to provide 11 age-appropriate in-school performances/residencies in York County. The program presented would be tied into the schools' core curriculum as well as the state Standards of Learning. An estimated 2,000 students would be served through this program.

For further information and performance information, visit [www.vaopera.org](http://www.vaopera.org).

The **Virginia Opera** received a total of \$6,000 in contributions and grants for FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$6,000.**

# *Virginia Shakespeare Festival*



Funding requested by the **Virginia Shakespeare Festival** would help secure the services of three Equity Guest Artist actors for the 2006 season. The company renewed its use of Equity Guest Artists (after a hiatus of two years) in the 2005 season, with critically praised productions and an 18% growth in attendance over the 2004 season, proving that increasing the quality of performers is vital to the growth of the company overall. The performance season is planned to extend by one week in 2006, further increasing the total costs of Guest Artist salaries.

The **Virginia Shakespeare Festival** offers reduced admission to students and children, and is making a concerted effort to build a substantial younger audience. “Family-Friendly Shakespeare,” along with reduced ticket prices, was instrumental in large growth and attendance figures in 2005. The company’s facilities are handicapped accessible and feature infrared sound systems for the hearing impaired.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$2,000.**

# *Virginia Stage Company*



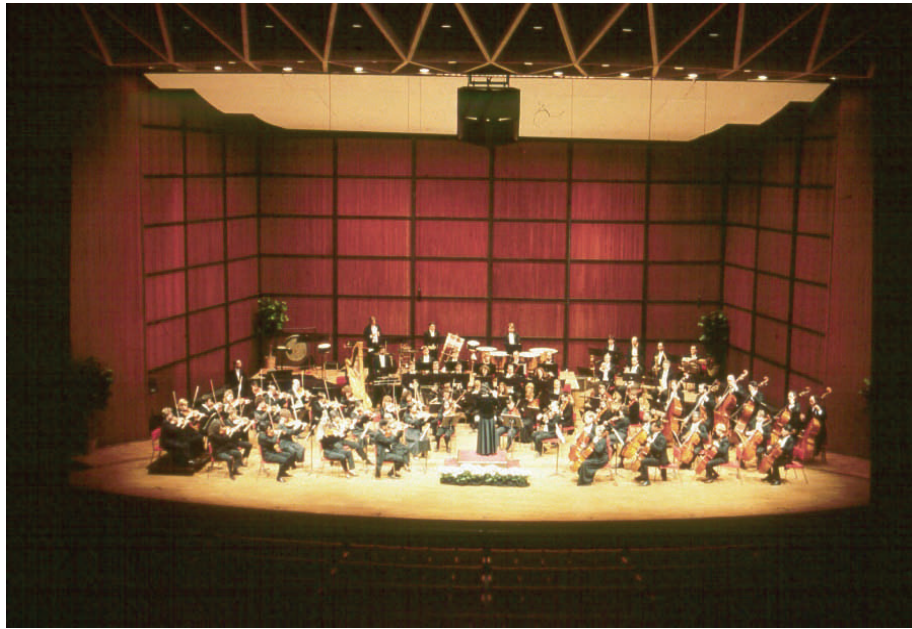
The mission of the **Virginia Stage Company's** Education Department is to provide quality artistic programming for people of all ages that represents our diverse community and encourages creative thinking, personal growth, and imagination building.

Funding requested by the **Virginia Stage Company** would help provide live professional theatre accessible to York County, Williamsburg and James City County school children ages K-8 through our in-school touring program, student matinees, outreach workshops and theater-for-family series.

For information on the **Virginia Stage Company**, visit [www.vastage.com](http://www.vastage.com).

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,500.**

# *Virginia Symphony*



The much-acclaimed **Virginia Symphony** is a professional orchestra that serves the Hampton Roads region with over 150 concerts per year. Performed with the highest quality artistry, their concerts have enriched, inspired, educated and served as a source of pride for the region. The **Virginia Symphony** performs regularly in Williamsburg, James City County, and Newport News as part of an outreach program that enables enjoyment of symphony music at convenient locations. In addition, the seventy-six professional musicians who are employed by the **Virginia Symphony** reside in Hampton Roads and are able to provide instruction in music, which enhances the quality of music education in our area.

In addition to performing in locations such as the Williamsburg Winery, Jamestown High School, Lee Hall, and the Mariner's Museum, the **Virginia Symphony** has performed for five consecutive years in Yorktown. These concerts have become extremely popular with both local residents and tourists. Last year, the **Virginia Symphony** concert was estimated to have 5,000 people in attendance.

The **Virginia Symphony** received a total of \$254,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends \$2,000 of County grant funding and \$650 of State arts funds.**



# *Watermen's Museum*



Located on the Yorktown Waterfront, the exhibits and programs of the **Watermen's Museum** are focused on preserving the heritage of the watermen of the Chesapeake Bay, interpreting their culture and contribution to the region and to preserve and enhance the environment of the Chesapeake Bay. One way these goals have been supported are by offering educational programs for York County school children. Over 1,800 K-3 students from York County participated in workshops last year.

The **Watermen's Museum** seeks to develop a new dynamic exhibit that engages museum visitors in the "Stories of the Watermen" utilizing information developed through standard ethnographic methodology as well as the unique culture and history of the Watermen of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

Children are taught a variety of subjects such as fish and shellfish harvesting, the history of watermen and the Chesapeake Bay, ecology and conservation practices that are necessary to maintain a healthy aquatic environment.

The **Watermen's Museum** received a total of \$38,712 in grants and contributions in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$3,900.**

# WHRO

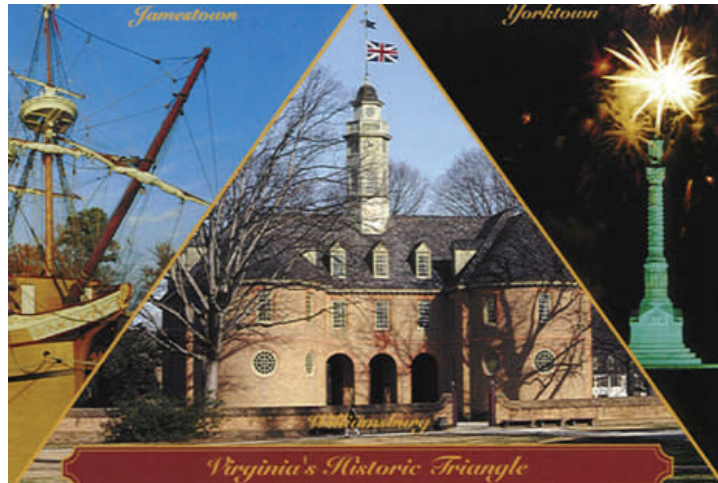


**WHRO** produces arts-related television and radio programming for the Hampton Roads region that is aired on public television station **WHRO TV 15** and public radio stations **90.3 WHRO FM** and **89.5 WHRV FM**. Nearly 588,000 television viewers and 174,000 radio listeners tune-in to **WHRO** weekly. Of that amount, more than 22,000 are York County residents.

Funding is requested to provide partial support for a yearlong multi-program project that will cover arts events and performing seasons thereby focusing community attention on the value of the arts on the quality of life in our area. The project would include interviews with local artists, performers and organizers of regional arts events, taping live performances of the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Opera, the Virginia Arts Festival, etc. for re-broadcast on **WHRO FM** in order to build audiences for the arts on a regional basis.

**WHRO** received a total of \$152,160 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$800.**

# *Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce*



Funding requested by the **Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce** would support the 2006 Historic Triangle Arts Map Brochure. This brochure is a full color visual arts listing and road map, complete with descriptions and photos of participating area art galleries, art museums and artist's studios. Funding is needed to create an online version of the map brochure and produce a second printing of the map that will include the performing arts.

A regional arts map and website provides an opportunity to showcase the visual and performing arts and will serve as a catalyst for other arts related activities that reinforce the Historic Triangle as an arts center and destination.

For more information, please visit the Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce's website at [www.williamsburgcc.com](http://www.williamsburgcc.com).

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$500.**

# *Williamsburg Choral Guild*



The **Williamsburg Choral Guild** is a well-established community chorus founded in 1975. Its membership has grown to approximately 90 members from diverse backgrounds and musical experience that support the organization financially with dues and contributions. Formal auditions ensure quality of participants, the balance of voice parts in the ensemble and help raise the overall level of performance.

Each season, the Guild strives to present a broad and challenging range of music, to appeal to a variety of musical tastes. Plans for the 2006-2007 include: Two concerts of Masterworks from the French and German classic genre; Selections by American Composers for Broadway and the theatre in general—Aaron Copeland, Leonard Bernstein, Lerner & Lowe, etc.

The **Williamsburg Choral Guild** has a website at [www.williamsburgchoralguild.org](http://www.williamsburgchoralguild.org).

The **Williamsburg Choral Guild** received a total of \$5,650 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$400.



# *Williamsburg Consort*



**Williamsburg Consort** is the only adult “band camp” in Virginia. The organization was chartered in 2003 with 60 musicians from all over the United States and Canada. In 2005, the group had grown to 90 musicians.

The group produces an “America Alive” concert each year, which serves as the conclusion activity for the Consort’s week-long symposium. This year’s event is scheduled for September 17-22, 2006, and will include the Consort and guest trumpet soloist, Fred Mills. Tickets for the event are free and special consideration is given to all local retirement communities.

The funding request will be used to:

- Provide an opportunity for selected York County High School band students to participate in a workshop with professional musician, Fred Mills, whose outstanding credentials include “Artist in Residence” and guest soloist for the American Alive V Concert

**Williamsburg Consort** received a total of \$4,825 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$800.**

# *Williamsburg Music Club*



The **Williamsburg Music Club** is dedicated to encourage and reward young musicians who show promise, dedication, and a sincere desire to continue their musical education through a unique grants-in-aid program. This program offers young musicians in York and James City Counties and the City of Williamsburg an opportunity to perform publicly in a competitive situation, which strengthens their musical development and affords the community a chance to see and hear some of the young talent in our area. Grants won by the students are used to further their musical training.

The **Williamsburg Music Club** received a total of \$6,500 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$800.**

# *Williamsburg Players*



The **Williamsburg Players** have been producing five near professional quality theatrical productions for 49 years.

Assistance is needed with production costs in this all volunteer effort. Financial support comes from individual donations and proceeds from ticket sales.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,500.**

# *Williamsburg Regional Library*



Using the works of Peter Catalanotto and E.B. Lewis, Williamsburg Regional Library Staff will expose fourth and fifth grade children to new ways of mining the richness of children's illustrations. Units on how an illustrator shows emotion, time passing, and how an illustrator generally expands on the text of the story through art will be discussed and demonstrated through writing and drawing activities.

Funding from The York County Arts Commission would be used to:

- Promote reading, visual literacy, and an appreciation for illustration among elementary school children
- To expose students at Waller Mill Elementary School to the works of these authors

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$750.**



# *Williamsburg Symphonia*



The educational programming sponsored by the **Williamsburg Symphonia** is some of the finest in the area. Each year the **Williamsburg Symphonia** presents entertaining and educational concerts for school-aged children in a program entitled “Young People’s Concerts”. These concerts attract both public and private school audiences from York County, Williamsburg, James City County, Newport News, Hampton, and Gloucester.

A “Meet the Musicians” in-school program is another favorite of the community. Musicians from the **Williamsburg Symphonia** come to schools in small groups to perform and share their expertise in a “hands-on” environment that promotes rapport between musicians and students. These performances comply with Standards of Learning objectives and are sought after by our public schools.

The **Williamsburg Symphonia** received a total of \$153,800 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,000.**

# *Williamsburg Youth Orchestra*



The **Williamsburg Youth Orchestra** consists of two large groups. The Symphony Orchestra is a full orchestra for advanced students, while the Strings Orchestra is an all-string ensemble for beginning and intermediate students.

A major goal of the **Williamsburg Youth Orchestra** is to provide area youth an opportunity to improve their musical skills, develop a greater appreciation of orchestral music, and experience the excitement of performing as a member of a full orchestra. A secondary goal is to enhance the musical offerings to the community by providing free public concerts.

Over 2,400 persons have attended concerts by the **Williamsburg Youth Orchestra**.

The **Williamsburg Youth Orchestra** received a total of \$18,455 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,400.

# *York County Historical Museum*



Funding requested by the **York County Historical Museum** would support an art project depicting Yorktown in the 1630's. The Yorktown branch APVA has undertaken a project to fund a book on Yorktown archaeology highlighting the dig conducted in 1989-1990 at Chischiak Watch. The goal of this project is to fund an original artwork that can be displayed in the **York County Historical Museum** and used as an image for the cover of the APVA archaeology book.

The artist, Jamie May, will endeavor to work with archaeologists in portraying a view of Yorktown in the 1630's. The art would be displayed in the museum where last year over 2,700 people visited.

**For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends \$250 in County grant funding and \$50 of State arts funds.**

# *York River Orchestra*



The **York River Orchestra** is comprised of a mix of amateur and professional musicians who enjoy performing orchestral music. The **York River Orchestra** is embarking on a year of upgrading the organization in order to provide quality musical performances to the community. A local favorite for many years, the orchestra rehearses weekly and has an increasing performing schedule. Recent performance locations that are convenient to York County residents include Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church and Grace Church in Yorktown and the Yoder Barn in Newport News.

The **York River Orchestra** received a total of \$6,200 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$1,200.**



# *Yorktown Arts Foundation*



Showcased in their “On-The-Hill” arts gallery in Yorktown, the **Yorktown Arts Foundation** has 105 member artists who display their talents. The gallery seeks to promote cultural awareness and participation in the arts specifically in Yorktown, as well as in adjoining communities, through instructional programs for the general public, art exhibitions, and juried shows.

While “On-The-Hill” provides a venue for established and new artists to display and sell their works, it also offers space for school and community organizations the opportunity to exhibit artwork they have created. Outreach programs to nursing and retirement facilities provide hands-on experiences to those who would not otherwise be able to visit the gallery. Similar opportunities are extended to underprivileged and mentally challenged individuals in our community.

The **Yorktown Arts Foundation** received a total of \$5,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends \$2,850 of County grant funding and \$1,400 of State arts funds.



# *Young Audiences of Virginia*



**Young Audiences of Virginia**, one of the premier providers of arts-in-education programs, has been serving communities for 50 years and is a recipient of the National Medal of Arts. These programs are geared to presenting York County elementary and middle school children with a multi-disciplinary learning experience. In addition to improving skills of listening, reading comprehension, vocabulary, creativity, and speaking, students are also exposed to various art forms and artists.

The “All the Arts for All the Children” Project provides 10 free programs to schools. All programs are presented by professional artists and tie directly to the core curriculum and the Standards of Learning, while exposing students to all art disciplines including music, dance, theatre, storytelling, visual and literary arts.

For more information on **Young Audiences of Virginia** visit [www.yav.org](http://www.yav.org).

**Young Audiences of Virginia** received a total of \$402,000 in contributions and grants in FY2006. **For FY2007, the York County Arts Commission recommends grant funding in the amount of \$2,500.**

